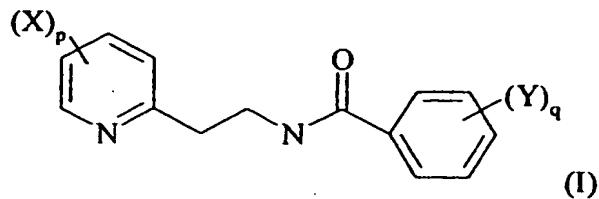


CLAIMS

5 1. A composition comprising :

a) a pyridylethylbenzamide derivative of general formula (I)



in which :

- p is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q is an integer equal to 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

10 10. - each substituent X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl or haloalkyl;

- each substituent Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, amino, phenoxy, alkylthio, dialkylamino, acyl, cyano, ester, hydroxy, aminoalkyl, benzyl, haloalkoxy, halosulphonyl, halothioalkyl,

15 15. alkoxyalkenyl, alkylsulphonamide, nitro, alkylsulphonyl, phenylsulphonyl or benzylsulphonyl;

as to the N-oxides of 2-pyridine thereof;

and

b) a compound capable of inhibiting the methionine biosynthesis;

20 20. in a (a) / (b) weight ratio of from 0.01 to 20.

2. A composition according to claim 1, characterised in that p is 2.

3. A composition according to claim 1 or 2, characterised in that q is 2.

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4. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 3, characterised in that X is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.

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5. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 4, characterised in that X is chosen independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl group.

The following table summarises the results obtained when tested compound 1 and mepanipyrim alone and in a 1:1 weight ratio mixture.

	Dose (g/ha)	% Efficacy	Synergism (Colby)
Compound 1	500	40	-
Mepanipyrim	500	0	-
Compound 1 + mepanipyrim (Ratio 1:1)	500 + 500	70	+30

5 According to the Colby method, a synergistic effect of the mixtures tested has been observed.

6. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 5, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being halogen or haloalkyl.

5 7. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 6, characterised in that Y is chosen, independently of the others, as being a chlorine atom or a trifluoromethyl group.

10 8. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 7, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is :

- N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide;
- N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-iodobenzamide; or
- N-{2-[3,5-dichloro-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide .

15 9. A composition according to claim 8, characterised in that the compound of general formula (I) is N-{2-[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)-2-pyridinyl]ethyl}-2-trifluoromethylbenzamide.

20 10. A composition according to any of the claims 1 to 9, characterised in that the compound capable of inhibiting the methionine biosynthesis is cyprodinyl, mepanipyrim or pyrimethanil.

11. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 10 further comprising a fungicidal compound (c).

25 12. A composition according to claim 11, characterised in that the fungicidal compound (c) is selected from captane, propineb, fenhexamid, trifloxystrobin, tolylfluanid, iprodione, procymidone and chlorotalonil.

30 13. A composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 12, characterised in that it further comprises an agriculturally acceptable support, carrier, filler and/or surfactant.

35 14. A method for preventively or curatively controlling phytopathogenic fungi of crops, characterised in that an effective and non-phytotoxic amount of a composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 13 is applied to the seed, the plant and/or to the

fruit of the plant or to the soil in which the plant is growing or in which it is desired to grow.